GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Mining Lease for Steatite and Dolomite over an extent of 3.238 hects., in Sy. No. 468/A and 478 of Kolumulapalli Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District held by M/s. Vijaya Bhaskara Mines and Minerals – Declared as lapsed under rule 28(1) of M.C Rules, 1960 - Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 41 Dated:06.06.2015

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 457, Ind & Com (M-III) Dept., dt.28.12.1998.
2. From the O/o. the DM&G.,A.P., Hyderabad file bearing No.2963/R3-2/14, dated 16.09.2014.
3. Govt. Memo No. 7393/M.I(1)/2014, Dt: 29.04.2015
4. From J. Bhaskar Reddy, Prop: M/s. Vijaya Bhaskara Mines and Minerals, letter dt. 8-5-2015

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O R D E R :

Government in the reference 1st read above, granted a Mining Lease for Steatite and Dolomite over an extent of 3.238 hects., in Sy. No. 468/A and 478 of Kolumulapalli Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District in favour of M/s Vijaya Bhaskara Mines & Minerals for a period of (20) years and the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool has executed the lease on 18.05.1999.

2. The Director of Mines & Geology, GoAP., Hyderabad in the reference 2nd read above has reported that the lessee is not operating the Mining Lease from December 2003 and that the said lease is liable for lapsing under rule 28(1) of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

3. Government after considering the report of the Director of Mines & Geology, GoAP., Hyderabad, proposed to lapse the above mining lease held by M/s Vijaya Bhaskara Mines & Minerals and accordingly, a show cause notice was issued in the reference 3rd read above under rule 28 (1) of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 as to why the Mining Lease held by them shall not be declared as lapsed, and to submit their explanation/representation within 15 days, failing which it will be construed that they have no explanation/representation on the action proposed and further action will be taken on the material available with the Government.

4. In reply to the above Show Cause Notice, the lessee has submitted their reply stating that, due to slump in the market and since the mineral available in the mine is low grade and there is no market for the mineral since December, 2003 onwards, they could not operate the mine. At present there is a good market for the mineral (Steatite and Dolomite) available in the leased area, they have requested to drop further action proposed under Rule 28(1) of M.C. Rules, 1960.

5. In this regard, it has to be noted that the mineral wealth is the wealth of the nation and should be put to use for public good. Government has granted the mining lease so that the lessee can do mining scientifically

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within the prescribed time limits and use the mined mineral. Such a mine would generate revenue for the State by way of taxes, employment for the local people and give boost to the overall economy of the region besides industrializing the area. None of these objectives could be achieved due to the abject failure of the lessee. The reasons furnished are not substantiated by any date/evidence and market conditions will not preclude the development of the mine over a long period of (12) years.

6. Government after careful examination in the matter hereby declare the Mining Lease held by M/s Vijaya Bhaskara Mines & Minerals for Steatite and Dolomite over an extent of 3.238 hects., in Sy. No. 468/A and 478 of Kolumulapalli Village, Bethamcherla Mandal, Kurnool District as lapsed under Rule 28(1) of M.C Rules,1960, as the lessee has failed to fulfil the lease conditions and have not shown any cogent reasons for not operating the lease for almost 12 years.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, GoAP, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.S. RAWAT
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & CIP

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The Director of Mines & Geology, Govt. of A.P., Hyderabad. (w.e.file)
Copy to:
The Zonal Joint Director of Mines & Geology), Kadapa.
The Deputy Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool.
The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Kurnool, Kurnool Dist.
The District Collector, Kurnool.
The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines,
Sastry Bhavan, New Delhi-110001.
The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bavan,
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The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jarkand.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
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